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For: POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACID (PUFA) ELONGASE FROM
 CAENORHABDITIS ELEGANS (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the application referenced above. We believe no fee is due in connection with this filing. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Appendix 1 is a copy of the amended paragraphs, with markings to show changes made.

Appendix 2 is a copy of the amended claims, with markings to show changes made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

(1) On page 1, delete the title and substitute therefore:

POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACID (PUFA) ELONGASE FROM CAENORHABDITIS
 ELEGANS

(2) On page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of and incorporates by reference the following applications:
 PCT/GB00/01035 filed March 20, 2000, 9906307.5 filed March 18, 1999, and 0003869.5 filed